February 27, 2011

The meeting started at 8:03 pm. EST.

All board members present with exception of Meghan Whalen who was away at a leadership seminar.

Committee chairs provided updates on each committee:

Slate- finishing up the march issues of the slate

Articles within slate will include: Washington seminar, blind driver challenge, CJ Fish as Kenneth Jernigan scholarship winner- check into the status of the article due to labor conditions.

Slate will be published early to mid-March.

Membership- Youth slam call. Audio is up

Summer programs call is going to be next with independence 2011, LCB, CCB and Blind Inc.

Set on March 6.

Tara Chavez- suggested that in April,, create new call titled:

“all the things you wanted to know about blindness but were afraid to ask”

Call for sighted and blind individuals as well.

Voted upon and idea was thought better to be a state event rather than a national event with real faces and relationships formed between the blind and sighted if sighted people were to be invited

Idea still agreed upon by board that a general philosophy call would be a warranted idea.

Bre, a high school senior proposed High school committee

IT was agreed upon by the board that this should be set up as a division of the membership committee.

She will be asked to type up a proposal to present to the board.

HS committee- Challenged to be a self-sustaining committee.

Website committee needs to make some “good-housekeeping” edits to the website

Fund raising survey will still get updated to get ready to get posted on the website.

Karen is still editting

Nijat- Pennies for pages donations updates.

Washington seminar had some money come in, and many will be paying after the final” results come in-He will keep us updated as the money trickles in. . . .

Sean has already deposited the amount that he got.

Karen still has to deposit.

Still working on calculating the state totals.

Excel sheet will be updated

Nijat, Sean and Karen will be working and correlating the updates and setting up a deadline for all pledges to be in for the pennies for pages state competition

David Meyers was winner for raffle of 50/50 and could not be contacted via email.

Sean will contact state president Patti Chang for chance to reach David Meyers.

Washington seminar left over Water bottles extra sent out.

Garrick from GA offered to help sell

He has received extra water bottles and there are a couple of extras still floating around with other board members.

Amy Phelps and Mikah want water bottles- Independence 2011.

Requested them at a slight discount

Requested 20.

Follow up with the company if we could do another short run of 25 bottles to try to meet this request...

If not might have to pass on this.

Pizza lunch at Washington seminar for presidents was payed-

\$315.00 12 pizza packages and service and sale tax.

It was brought up that perhaps there might be a cheaper option for the president’s lunch. Perhaps doing a McDonalds run.

However time factors and participation variables were brought up as counter arguments.

Consensus thus far, pizza lunch will stay.

Brief Treasurer’s report:

Income:

$590 ($195 from Pennies for Pages; $395 for registration and water bottle sales)

Expenses:

$315.80: pizza lunch

Total in checking account: $1243.12

Total in savings account: 925.32

Grand total 2126.73 net.

Agenda items for next National business meeting was brought up.

NIB- requested time to speak at the next meeting about the fellows program.

What type of format will this take, and will we have the space for this on the agenda?

Arielle will consult with the national center, and will then communicate with Brian.

NABS Rep-

It was moved and seconded to modify the NABS rep policy. A request cannot necessarily be granted unless placed at least a month prior to your meeting.

We will start utilizing the website of the state convention calendar.

Perhaps making it a point to contact our states around that time to see what the status is for the state contacts.

Current NABS reps:

IA-- Karen was asked to rep. takes place last weekend in April.

GA- has asked that Sean be the rep.

MS- asked that Janice be rep

NV—Darian will be the rep for seminar in early March.

AL—Isaiah will be the rep for state convention in early March.

\*All national rep requests listed above were granted

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm. EST.